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I will give you those little tips and tricks to speed us on our way. Again, thank you for joining us. I am really looking forward to having you. Without further ado I will turn things over to the four service regional office to officially kick off this meeting. In

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Thanks, Tracy. I am Knoll, again, this is the public meeting to provide orientation and receive comments on the proposed Purgatory Resort Ice Creek project . This is on the San Juan national Forest, consisting of construction of ski runs and a new ski lift in the ice cream pot portion on the backside of the ski area. We will have staff with a third-party contractor prevent the proposed action in a moment. First, I would like to pass this on to James, the district ranger on the combine district to provide the four service, and leaders intend for this proposed project.

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All right, good afternoon, everyone. I want to thank you for calling in. This is our first time using this virtual technology for a public meeting. I greatly appreciate your learning along with us. We're looking at a project that was mostly analyzed back in 2008, when the original expansion for purgatory at that time, this particular portion was not in the record of decision. They decided to hold off. We are reanalyzing that. You will hear more about that tonight through this presentation from a wide group of people that are online and will be able to fill you in more about the project. Once again, I thank you for signing in and joining us. Please, ask questions. That is what this is for. It is a way for us to record some of those comments for the project through this technology as well. No, back to you.

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I would like to quickly introduce some people in the meeting. In addition to James we have Steve, the floor supervisor. We also have other people who will be available to answer questions or provide additional details on the four side there is Jed, the recreational staff officer. Kim, the coordinator on the district, Kelly Palmer, the hydrologist out of the supervisor's office on the forest. And the regional office we have Max, the acting support program manager for the four service region, which includes all of Colorado. We have Ryan West, the planning specialist on the mountain resort team, which I am also a part of and some other people on the attendee list as I said, the proposed action will be prevented -- presented by a third-party contractor Travis deck and Tyler Ford running the show to provide that. Let me pass it on to the group to run it through what is being proposed.

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We are going to go ahead and switch up the layout. What we are going to be doing is going into that story map. It is going to really take us on the scene and walk us through what I think will be pretty dynamic. You can play with this tool afterword in the web links. We have that link for you. Without further ado, back to you.

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Thank you, Tracy. This is Travis with SC -- SE group, a third-party contractor helping to prepare the environmental assessment. Tyler Ford is driving the screen right now. I would like to take a minute and maybe expand a little bit more on what James mentioned regarding the path analysis for the project. I will also touch on the purpose and the need. Tyler will then the purpose and the need. Tyler will then take over and use the story map to walk everyone through the project map to walk everyone through the project area and proposed action. Just briefly, on the background of the project, this project, the on the background of the project, this project, the ice cream project was included in the 2008 the 2008 environmental impact statement. It was analyzed throughout the throughout the process and was not -- there was not a decision made on this component there was not a decision made on this component of the project. The floor supervisor at the at the time deferred the project decision. Here we are a little over a decade we are a little over a decade later. Really, we are going to lean pretty heavily on the past

analysis. There is still quite a bit of it that to lean pretty heavily on the past analysis. There is still quite a bit of it that is valid. We are trying to be as concise as possible. If we can, refer back to that past analysis. Primarily, what we are going to be analyzing now are change conditions on the ground as well as the changed regulatory environment. Since 2008 there have been several management direction changes, the biggest being the San Juan national Forest new Forest plan. We will make sure as we go through the process, we will make sure that the action is consistent or analyzed against the current forest plan. That is the current forest plan. That is a little bit on background. If they are more questions on that, I know they are more questions on that, I know that Tracy will take up into a Q&A session here in a little bit.

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Regarding a Q&A session here in a little bit.

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Regarding the purpose and need for the project, this is primarily a teaching project, this is primarily a teaching and learning progression project. At purgatory there is a deficiency in terms of a lower purgatory there is a deficiency in terms of a lower ability level that this project is meant to address. With that learning progression, it will also tie in with it will also tie in with certain projects that were approved in 2008 that are approximate to 2008 that are approximate to this project area as well. Again, if there are questions, we can answer that in a few minutes. I would like to throw it over to Tyler in a few minutes. I would like to throw it over to Tyler Ford with SE group. He can walk the group through the proposed can walk the group through the proposed action.

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Hello, everyone. I am Tyler Ford am Tyler Ford with the SC Group. I will be talking about the notice of be talking about the notice of proposed action. I will not be covering the covering the whole thing. The link is available in the Adobe connect. in the Adobe connect. It is available in the notice of of proposed action purgatory has over 2300 acres of skillful 2300 acres of skillful terrain within their special use permit, shown in yellow here. You can see the shown in yellow here. You can see the existing trail, centerlines are in gray. There is an existing snowmobile There is an existing snowmobile trail segment that runs along this section right here. section right here. Like Travis discussed in the 2008 SDI S, it includes a SDI S, it includes a new variety of lists, upgrades and removals. It also includes new beginner trails that and removals. It also includes new beginner trails that are specifically in this section right here, shown in the green dotted here, shown in the green dotted and dashed line. This is all previously approved. It also includes a guided snowmobile trail, shown in previously approved. It also includes a guided snowmobile trail, shown in purple and power lines that run along here and here. This will tie into the proposed action. along here and here. This will tie into the proposed action.

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The proposed action itself includes the ICE Creek list, four ski trails, a reroute of the existing snowmobile trail includes the ICE Creek list, four ski trails, a reroute of the existing snowmobile trail and construction access roads and power lines to both the top and bottom terminal power lines to both the top and bottom terminal of the lift. To orient you, the top terminal is right here and this would be the the top terminal is right here and this would be the bottom. Skiers would ride up the lift this way and then they would ski down this way. lift this way and then they would ski down this way. if you have any questions, we can go over those afterword. Feel free to take can go over those afterword. Feel free to take a look at your own speed if you want to. The ICE Creek lift would be if you want to. The ICE Creek lift would be a detachable four-person chairlift about 3400 feet long and it would have a capacity of about 2100 skiers feet long and it would have a capacity of about 2100 skiers per hour. You can see that it would have about 3 it would have about 3 acres of over storied vegetation removal, shown at this light shown at this light red polygon. About half an acre of grading for the top and bottom terminal and the acre of grading

for the top and bottom terminal and the lift towers. As I discussed, there are access roadways that will be installed, one is here. You can blend in with are access roadways that will be installed, one is here. You can blend in with a little red line. Combined there would be a little over 1000 feet of access there would be a little over 1000 feet of access road. Very power lines would be trenched into these access roads. Combined, about two and trenched into these access roads. Combined, about two and half acres of ground service would be required.

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The terrain itself would involve four trails be required.

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The terrain itself would involve four trails of low-intermediate ability levels. About 45 acres of ski terrain acres of ski terrain in total and would require about 23 acres of vegetation removal. As 23 acres of vegetation removal. As Travis discussed, these trails would tie into the previously approved trails, particularly the into the previously approved trails, particularly the beginner trails. It would about a learning progression last purgatory a learning progression last purgatory could begin on these together trails and transition and transition to low-intermediate.

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To reduce the potential for gear and potential for gear and snowmobile conflicts, the snowmobile trail will be rerouted around will be rerouted around trail 78. This existing segment right here about .2 of right here about .2 of a mile will be decommissioned. That would be the proposed action and overall would be about 31 acres of the would be the proposed action and overall would be about 31 acres of the servants and variety of project design criteria would be included criteria would be included to reduce resource impact. We will be relying on be relying on the 2008 at CIS for a lot of the analysis. We will be upgrading our a lot of the analysis. We will be upgrading our research analysis summarize right here. It is preliminary and will be updated as we finalize the environmental is preliminary and will be updated as we finalize the environmental assessment and finish the scoping. That is all for me. is all for me. I will toss it back to Noel. Noel.

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Thank you Tyler and Travis. I wanted to add on I wanted to add on to that, as mentioned, the project design criteria, some of us have already been design criteria, some of us have already been drafted and are included in the notice of proposed action notice of proposed action for review. As the research is done for the environmental assessment and analysis, additional project design criteria may be added, is done for the environmental assessment and analysis, additional project design criteria may be added, including anything brought out of the public meetings and the comments we get from the the public meetings and the comments we get from the public. Please provide any comments. Include any documentation you have that will Include any documentation you have that will be useful. We will include in consideration and finalize everything in the consideration and finalize everything in the environmental assessment. The timeline is shown on the website with the proposed on the website with the proposed action. I do not have that in front in front of me. For review that is available for the public. available for the public.

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Next, will open this up up to comments. Tracy, I will pass it back to you for that.

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Wonderful. it back to you for that.

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Wonderful. We have reached the part of the agenda for those of you who have joined us the agenda for those of you who have joined us are welcome. We are inviting you to ask questions. The only thing that I ask so that I can plan to ask questions. The only thing that I ask so that I can plan accordingly is to, please, raise your hand if you have questions. If you look at the top of the screen you can see hand if you

have questions. If you look at the top of the screen you can see the little person with the hand raise. That actually puts you in raise. That actually puts you in a line so that I can call on you. If for some reason you call on you. If for some reason you are in Adobe, feel free to speak up. speak up. I am not getting any questions. You can feel free to chat. We have our You can feel free to chat. We have our first one. I want to do a quick process note, I would a quick process note, I would like for our for service presenters to keep your cameras on so that we can connect with each other to keep your cameras on so that we can connect with each other as humans. Without further ado, I am going to turn things over am going to turn things over to Jimbo. I apologize, I am not really sure how to pronounce your not really sure how to pronounce your last name. Welcome, sir.

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Thank you. I don't know if my video is coming through you. I don't know if my video is coming through or not. It is the first time I have used time I have used Adobe connect. I am the forest and public lands and public lands protection manager. I do have a couple of questions. The first couple of questions. The first one is since the process was announced I have had three emails or combinations of emails announced I have had three emails or combinations of emails and phone calls from people in the community who have wondered why there were no alternatives the community who have wondered why there were no alternatives to the Ice Creek pod presented? People notice that back before the mass presented? People notice that back before the mass development program -- excuse me, the mass development plan was accepted there were other ideas on the table as far the mass development plan was accepted there were other ideas on the table as far as ideas for other lift selections or ski areas that were or ski areas that were higher elevation there were North facing and included an area between the top facing and included an area between the top of lift four and lift three as being one of those areas. I am as being one of those areas. I am not curious -- now curious about why none of those why none of those were included. I understand they have some deference. At the same time, this is also public land have some deference. At the same time, this is also public land and I am curious why those were not put forward to the public to were not put forward to the public to comment about?

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Thanks for that question. question. My question to my team's who would like to kick us off with an would like to kick us off with an answer question

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That is a part of the process that we are working through, providing that type of information a part of the process that we are working through, providing that type of information is always very helpful. We do have have the ability as you are aware to look back at the past and see what was right up at to look back at the past and see what was right up at that time. As it briefly mentions in the notice of proposed action, purgatory over the last few years has been looking mentions in the notice of proposed action, purgatory over the last few years has been looking and considering different projects or different areas within their special use permit area that could also provide this areas within their special use permit area that could also provide this type of improvement or access for those guests. those guests. purgatory felt this was still the best project to put forward to the forest service best project to put forward to the forest service for review under NEPA if there are specific things to address, Jimbo, please, provide those to us. Obviously we have them here, but if there is additional information that you would like if there are specific things to address, Jimbo, please, provide those to us. Obviously we have them here, but if there is additional information that you would like to provide, please, do so.

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Thank you, Travis. I must admit, I am aware Thank you, Travis. I must admit, I am aware this is a not for profit, but I am still adjusting to but I am still adjusting to that reality. I am concerned that if it is confusing concerned that if it is confusing to me it is probably confusing to the general public as well.

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Good point. I think maybe in a few minutes what we confusing to the general public as well.

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Good point. I think maybe in a few minutes what we can do is share our screen again and show a little again and show a little process flow chart. I can walk the audience through that in a matter of a couple of minutes, I bet. Maybe let us get through some more specific comments and we can share walk the audience through that in a matter of a couple of minutes, I bet. Maybe let us get through some more specific comments and we can share that screen again.

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Great. Tracy, I have a couple of questions. I will stand out and let someone Tracy, I have a couple of questions. I will stand out and let someone else and maybe you can cycle me back in later if that will be me back in later if that will be okay?

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Actually we do not have any other raised hands right now. At the top have any other raised hands right now. At the top of the screen there is a little hand, if you click the down arrow you should be able to raise her hand and that will get you in little hand, if you click the down arrow you should be able to raise her hand and that will get you in the queue. While we are waiting to see if anyone else has questions, I am going to go ahead and to see if anyone else has questions, I am going to go ahead and ask patient to change so that we can get the screen share back. While we are waiting for we can get the screen share back. While we are waiting for that transition, we do have a raised raised hand from Aaron. Without further ado, Aaron, the Aaron, the Florida shores.

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Thank you. I just had a just had a few questions-comments, a avid long time snowmobiler, season snowmobiler, season pass holder. I am on both sides of the coin both sides of the coin on this. Is there any private held land that will held land that will be developed that will greatly, I guess, benefit off of this Ice Creek lift I guess, benefit off of this Ice Creek lift being added?

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Tracy, I can take it again if you take it again if you would like. I also know there are some folks with the are some folks with the four service that have specific knowledge of of the area. They are not on video, but I think they are video, but I think they are on audio. Maybe they can join in. I will take it for shot. It is my understanding that in. I will take it for shot. It is my understanding that there is not private land approximate two the two the snowmobile trail. The private land is down along the highway. Once you start down along the highway. Once you start climbing up, you get onto the national forest. I do not believe there is any private land national forest. I do not believe there is any private land that close to the project we are talking about. Snowmobilers are talking about. Snowmobilers can always go for miles and miles to miles to the west. Those areas, I do not know where the private-public lands might switch over. James, do you have do not know where the private-public lands might switch over. James, do you have any thoughts? Jed, I know that you are on the call you are on the call as well.

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Hello, everybody. There is no private land up in the area of the snowmobile bypass.

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There is no private land up in the area of the snowmobile bypass.

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I appreciate that. For years I am part of San Juan letters NCSA for over am part of San Juan letters NCSA for over 20 years. I am very familiar with the area and with the area and the roadway. For years I think snowmobile parking has been a bigger issue snowmobile parking has been a bigger issue than access. Although access being that close to close to the resort, we constantly have resort police say, hey, you're on the resort when we are on police say, hey, you're on the resort when we are on the bypass. I think the bypass is in and out of the current lease. My question that I am getting is in and out of the current

lease. My question that I am getting to would be good anybody consider doing separate parking on doing separate parking on the north entrance that goes where the dog park is and do a bypass the dog park is and do a bypass from their back to relay and just avoid all of the conflict? It is also south facing, but I think the just avoid all of the conflict? It is also south facing, but I think the snowmobile community with support even financially something something like that. We are very familiar with Ben and with Ben and h is operation. I think that bypass facing south causes problems anyway. If we that bypass facing south causes problems anyway. If we are rerouting, with that be considered?

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This is Travis again,

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This is Travis again, you may certainly provide those comments. If you have any specific locations, that is always very helpful for us to orient ourselves with your comments. From the 2008 FEIS there was a parking or staging there was a parking or staging area approved. Jed or James, you guys can weigh-in. I think that you guys can weigh-in. I think that larger area started to be developed. I do not know its current status as of now though. I do not know its current status as of now though.

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You are correct, Travis. This is Jed. There was a snowmobile parking lot propose in 2008. There was This is Jed. There was a snowmobile parking lot propose in 2008. There was some work that happened to clear the trees so that there could be a better idea of the trees so that there could be a better idea of what the main work would be to develop the to develop the parking lot. Once the trees were cleared there was all kinds of bed rock formations found that created an expense that was no plan for. There has were cleared there was all kinds of bed rock formations found that created an expense that was no plan for. There has been some discussion with purgatory related to applying to a grant for the development of that parking lot. to applying to a grant for the development of that parking lot.

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Jed, would you have any knowledge as to when the grant was applied for ? knowledge as to when the grant was applied for ?

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Ryan, the president of San Juan letters and I spoke last spring about getting it. They did not end Juan letters and I spoke last spring about getting it. They did not end up applying due to some large complications. They ended up applying for grants that built other complications. They ended up applying for grants that built other parking lots on the lower ranger district instead.

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Thank you, sir. Those are all the comments I have at this point.

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I believe that comments I have at this point.

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I believe that was Aaron. One other thing to know in your comments, this know in your comments, this is just a NEPA thing that helps us out, let helps us out, let us know why the action that we are proposing, you we are proposing, you don't think would meet the needs of the community or of the community or user groups. That is how we need to need to evaluate things. There are always options and ideas, we need to and ideas, we need to better understand why your option might be better than what we are talking about. That would help. That is maybe be better than what we are talking about. That would help. That is maybe just coaching on a comment for you.

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I appreciate that and I agree. I plan on writing a comment, I that I would listen to the process first and continue on and continue on with commenting, on paper anyways.

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Perfect, thank you.

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Thanks, Aaron. We're going to Perfect, thank you.

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Thanks, Aaron. We're going to go back to Jimbo. I believe we have everything pulled up. If we have everything pulled up. If you could, no ahead and switch us back. We will take a look. There us back. We will take a look. There we go, I'm going to toss it back to you now, Jimbo. I know you had a few it back to you now, Jimbo. I know you had a few more questions and they were going to pull up the process to pull up the process map, correct?

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Yes, I think that Tyler is heading in that direction right think that Tyler is heading in that direction right now. Jimbo, I can walk us through this now, or if you have another question you would like to throw out there, please, us through this now, or if you have another question you would like to throw out there, please, do so.

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That will be great if you can give us a walk-through on this one. My concern great if you can give us a walk-through on this one. My concern is that, you know, it has to do with public has to do with public process and the material that is available at available at this time. If it is available, the public and comment. If it is the public and comment. If it is added at a later time and there is not a public comment there is not a public comment period, that could be a problem.problem. Thanks, Travis.

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Okay. This process here that we have a specific to an environmental process here that we have a specific to an environmental assessment process. For those of you that might be that might be NEPA nerds out there, there is a different process that we are required to move through for an environmental impact statement. This is a different process that we are required to move through for an environmental impact statement. This is for any period at the top, we start with the project proposal letter. That was top, we start with the project proposal letter. That was transmitted from the project proponent inventory resort resort to the four service. I want to say to say last fall or early this year for initial review. What the agency does at that point is reviews year for initial review. What the agency does at that point is reviews it for high-level consistency with the force plan and other force plan and other management direction that exist for the area. There can be a fine-tuning process where there can be area. There can be a fine-tuning process where there can be a back-and-forth as we the agency and the proponent at that point to say let's change this or think about agency and the proponent at that point to say let's change this or think about that. Ultimately, the proposal is accepted by the San Juan national Forest. That happened earlier in by the San Juan national Forest. That happened earlier in this year. After that occurs, we take another look at the take another look at the proposed action to determine if there is more refinement or things that can is more refinement or things that can happen there. We pulled together the interdisciplinary team of the four service to have those discussions and start to talk about preliminary issues. For this project the interdisciplinary team of the four service to have those discussions and start to talk about preliminary issues. For this project there is a fair bit of familiarity with the project area and propose project because of the work that was done familiarity with the project area and propose project because of the work that was done in the FEIS. We went to those discussions to determine how we were anticipating analyzing the project. Once we get those ducks in a row we move toward to those



discussions to determine how we were anticipating analyzing the project. Once we get those ducks in a row we move toward this public scoping and comment period process. Now, the process that we are using for process. Now, the process that we are using for this project is what is referred to as a notice up proposed to as a notice up proposed action process, which is a more concise process then, Jimbo, what you concise process then, Jimbo, what you may be more familiar with in an environment of assessment, where you have a scoping period, then we an environment of assessment, where you have a scoping period, then we repair an EA. We have a 30 day comment period for the EA 30 day comment period for the EA and then we moved to a final EA and decision. This final EA and decision. This process combines the scoping and comment period. Normally we would provide for period. Normally we would provide for an EA , a couple page scoping notice. For those of you that have looked at the document that is available on the scoping notice. For those of you that have looked at the document that is available on the four service website, it is more extensive. It has more information. It even has preliminary findings in there. We are trying to give more extensive. It has more information. It even has preliminary findings in there. We are trying to give the public quite a bit of information so that everyone can see where we think things are appointed from an analysis and potentially of information so that everyone can see where we think things are appointed from an analysis and potentially impeccable -- potential impact standpoint and give the public a little more opportunity and give the public a little more opportunity and meet to comment on. Where the little red bubble is, that is where we are. We are the little red bubble is, that is where we are. We are asking for comments on the proposed action or the purpose and need and to get action or the purpose and need and to get those in the comment period began June June 5 of the sheer and extends through extends through July 6. Once we get that information, we huddle back information, we huddle back up as an interdisciplinary team and talk about comments, any new information talk about comments, any new information both from external sources like you all and internal forces that specialists have just had time within all and internal forces that specialists have just had time within the agency to think about things longer and might bring new ideas or options to longer and might bring new ideas or options to the table that would refine the proposed action. Then we moved down into proposed action. Then we moved down into the studies and analysis. We are redoing some fieldwork to get redoing some fieldwork to get a fresh look at certain resources that may have changed on the ground. For example, that may have changed on the ground. For example, botany and wetlands, we will go out there and analyze things out there and analyze things like that or look at things like that on the ground to see if anything has changed.

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Once we collect that information, we compile it into technical reports that will live in things like that on the ground to see if anything has changed.

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Once we collect that information, we compile it into technical reports that will live in the project file as well as summarize those reports in summarize those reports in the environmental assessment. The environmental assessment then goes out with the draft then goes out with the draft decision notice for the project. That would start the would start the 45 day free decision. Tyler, if you want to kind of dry circle around that with your cursor, the you want to kind of dry circle around that with your cursor, the 45 day free decision objectionable period. Four service certainly Four service certainly recognizes that there is an opportunity now to comment and the next opportunity is when we now to comment and the next opportunity is when we have an environmental assessment and draft decision notice. That is the opportunity to then object, to draft decision notice. That is the opportunity to then object, to have standing, to object to the project. You need to project. You need to comment now. That gives you standing throughout throughout the process. For points that you raise now you have standing on those topics. We you raise now you have standing on those topics. We understand that there will be some additional information provided, but additional information provided, this is the process that is now



pretty typical with the four is now pretty typical with the four service nationwide in an effort to try to make these projects that are not as controversial a little to try to make these projects that are not as controversial a little bit more concise in terms of the timeline. That is our beginning-end process and we are the timeline. That is our beginning-end process and we are looking at the main timing standpoint. We are looking at later this year to We are looking at later this year to issue that EA and draft decision notice. Certainly there will be notification to the public when that occurs. decision notice. Certainly there will be notification to the public when that occurs.

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Ray, thanks, Travis. I appreciate the rundown.

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You bet.

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Tracy, can I ask appreciate the rundown.

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You bet.

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Tracy, can I ask a question? Is that appropriate now?

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Absolutely. the floor is

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Absolutely. the floor is yours, Aaron.

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I like to make an observation and then ask to make an observation and then ask a question. As I looked through what what was the force page on the four service website and what SE group put together, four service website and what SE group put together, I believe it is under resourced impacts dismissed. Even if it is not on the list it was dismissed. That has to do with greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. impacts dismissed. Even if it is not on the list it was dismissed. That has to do with greenhouse gas emissions and climate change. The terminology used is that those greenhouse gas emissions and the climate change greenhouse gas emissions and the climate change aspect was small and immeasurable. I think we all know this think we all know this fairly paradoxical information. They want a low a low and intermediate the area, but also art of it has to do with the fact that that area right now art of it has to do with the fact that that area right now is in the lowest area of the ski area. As we the ski area. As we all know, year after year the snow level has continued to go up. The snow level has continued to go up. The skiers interested in moving up the hill, despite that reality we have the hill, despite that reality we have the ski area going ahead and the four four service evidently, as my observation, not even thinking this is an issue. I do not know what that is the SE Group group responsibility to look at observation, not even thinking this is an issue. I do not know what that is the SE Group group responsibility to look at the issue. I will be Frank, to say it is unmeasurable I think is entirely inaccurate. You know what the to say it is unmeasurable I think is entirely inaccurate. You know what the lift is. They are putting new power lines. You know the size, you know the power, you can look at the fuel sources at power lines. You know the size, you know the power, you can look at the fuel sources at this point. You can do the math. It is ignored math. It is ignored in here. Not only is there that piece, there is also that piece, there is also the issues of trees being removed. There is nothing having to do with that. What we are doing There is nothing having to do with that. What we are doing is we are looking at a theory here, who wants to theory here, who wants to move there -- this pot up the hill cousin climate change? What they the hill cousin climate change? What they are doing it to exacerbate -- will exacerbate the situation and will exacerbate the situation and we are ignoring that. There is an entire appendix it has to do with climate change. Obviously it an entire appendix it has to do with climate change. Obviously it is an important

aspect that should be looked at. Those are my observations. The fact that there is no air-quality impact is like maybe not here exactly, but because the power source observations. The fact that there is no air-quality impact is like maybe not here exactly, but because the power source isn't here. It likely wherever the power sources there is. I am curious as to why the four service, why SE Group, why this entire the power sources there is. I am curious as to why the four service, why SE Group, why this entire situation was sidestepped? As you know there are ski areas that are very specifically taking there are ski areas that are very specifically taking on projects to offset omissions. Here what we are seeing is Here what we are seeing is their small and unmeasurable. It is being ignored. I am curious what the thinking is behind that? thank you. being ignored. I am curious what the thinking is behind that? thank you.

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Good question. Before I go to someone on my team who would like to respond, I want to do a to someone on my team who would like to respond, I want to do a QuickTime check. We have about 15 minutes left. We are going to do another session, if we do not get to everyone's question, you're welcome to stay 15 minutes left. We are going to do another session, if we do not get to everyone's question, you're welcome to stay with us. Right now we really don't have a lot of people asking questions. Just as a reminder, if you do have a question or want to indicate, feel free to put it really don't have a lot of people asking questions. Just as a reminder, if you do have a question or want to indicate, feel free to put it in the chat or raise your hands or speak up if for some reason you are not in Adobe. Without hands or speak up if for some reason you are not in Adobe. Without further do I am going to look to my team to see who wants to take the climate change question? to look to my team to see who wants to take the climate change question?

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I can go again, Tracy if you would like. Knoll, James, if you if you would like. Knoll, James, if you guys want to chime in. I can take a first cut at this one.

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Sounds good.

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Great can take a first cut at this one.

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Sounds good.

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question, Jimbo. I think you referenced the notice of proposed action. We kind of have it broken referenced the notice of proposed action. We kind of have it broken down at air-quality and climate change. They go hand in hand, they can also They go hand in hand, they can also be analyzed independently. Right now I believe what the notice of provided action says about climate change is the I believe what the notice of provided action says about climate change is the omissions created or anticipated are anticipated to to be small and insignificant. In the context of context of climate change, certainly again, provide your comments. If you want to expand on those in writing to us that would comments. If you want to expand on those in writing to us that would be helpful. This again is the reason why we are putting more information into the notice that a normal reason why we are putting more information into the notice that a normal scoping notice, to get everyone thinking about these things so that you can comment early and about these things so that you can comment early and give us input early in the process. I think we recognize that, you know, there are process. I think we recognize that, you know, there are localize potential air-quality omissions, but since power is not generated those omissions might not occur in the area, specifically there might since power is not generated those omissions might not occur in the area, specifically there might not be localized air-quality impact. I think we anticipate leaning on the FEIS from 2008 in terms of at least vehicular I think we anticipate leaning on the FEIS from 2008 in terms of at least vehicular contributions for the project from potential increase

in increase in annual visitation. Right now, as we looked at this issue, we looked at this issue, we felt at this time the project kind of in the context of project kind of in the context of other things related to climate change and air-quality, we did not feel like we needed to do an exhaustive analysis and air-quality, we did not feel like we needed to do an exhaustive analysis for that. Certainly if you feel otherwise, put that in writing and we will obviously consider it. otherwise, put that in writing and we will obviously consider it.

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Thank you. Anyone else?

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This is Knoll. I just wanted to build on that.

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This is Knoll. I just wanted to build on that. I just went in and looked at putting in the at putting in the NEPA, it doesn't particularly state gas emissions will not be measurable, it said they would not be significant. I gas emissions will not be measurable, it said they would not be significant. I agree, certainly provide comments in writing and we will review and and we will review and consider them.

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My question is from a from a regional perspective, Travis made a point that they that they are insignificant. When did they add up to being significant? We up to being significant? We have insignificant, insignificant, insignificant in your proving expansions, when does all of these insignificance add up to significant? When do proving expansions, when does all of these insignificance add up to significant? When do we get over that threshold?

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That is a valid question

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That is a valid question and concern. Please feel free to state that and expand as you to state that and expand as you feel needed and we will review. Yes, there are projects all over the Valley. Yes, there are projects all over the Valley. there may be cumulative impacts on the complete set the complete set of projects.

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We have about 10 about 10 minutes left and suddenly we have a little bit of a cue. Let's first go to Gary's question that he is typed in. Will there be have a little bit of a cue. Let's first go to Gary's question that he is typed in. Will there be any new snowmaking related to Ice Creek ? They are shaking their heads no, Gary. We will type Creek ? They are shaking their heads no, Gary. We will type that in, Gary was having some audio issues. The next person in the queue some audio issues. The next person in the queue is Tucker.

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Hello, guys. My name is Tucker. I am name is Tucker. I am with the Army Corps of Engineers. I am out of the Grand I am out of the Grand Junction office. You're probably used to dealing with Cara out of our Durango office for dealing with Cara out of our Durango office for permitting needs. I just wanted to come on and gather information for her to report back. On the to come on and gather information for her to report back. On the resource impact I was noticing what is referred to as a is referred to as a type conversion to a more emergent wetland. Would that type B emergent wetland. Would that type B do to slowly -- solely vegetation removal will there be removal will there be a discharge? Basically the question is is should we expect a section 404 permit from the four service for 404 permit from the four service for this project?

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It looks like Travis is going to help get us started with that like Travis is going to help get us started with that one. Travis?

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K, Tucker, thanks for joining. You are correct. for joining. You are correct. Type conversion is for trail conversion. I believe if we don't already we I believe if we don't already we will consider having a project design criteria that minimizes any construction criteria that minimizes any construction related impacts within wetlands. There might be a requirements to hang clear that be a requirements to hang clear that timber just to keep machinery out of wetlands of wetlands it possible. Certainly there will be minimization efforts included in the project to minimization efforts included in the project to address wetlands. At this time I do not know that you would need to plan on a 400 I do not know that you would need to plan on a 400 for action, but certainly once we get through this we will stay in touch get through this we will stay in touch with you if that is coming up just to give you the heads up. I think right now we do up just to give you the heads up. I think right now we do not anticipate any direct dredge filled type of impacts.

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Perfect. Thank you.

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filled type of impacts.

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Perfect. Thank you.

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Next up is Ben.

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Hello there.there. I joined in a little late. I am not sure if anyone late. I am not sure if anyone wanted up, I own the snowmelt or operation. I am a permit holder out there next snowmelt or operation. I am a permit holder out there next to purgatory. I am honestly all for getting more terrain open up, but I am a all for getting more terrain open up, but I am a little concerned one hour operation is going to mix going to mix with this. I think it is well known that well known that the bypass is a very unsafe route for all backcountry users and not just route for all backcountry users and not just normal billers. Prior to our operations the client that we are taking up their very beginner and it is the client that we are taking up their very beginner and it is very dangerous. We have always had an agreement where we have worked our way through using the summer road an agreement where we have worked our way through using the summer road of force Road 578. It is a really well graded road as far as a really well graded road as far as steepness and access. With that being said, we are on said, we are on ski resort, winter access skiing only. I guess my biggest concern is once we get into only. I guess my biggest concern is once we get into the top, that is going to completely change with a different type of downhill skier traffic completely change with a different type of downhill skier traffic going on. I would love to see this bypass be able to be set up to see this bypass be able to be set up to where everyone can use it, not only just the general only just the general public, anybody. Bikers, skiers and stuff like that. As of now it is so steep stuff like that. As of now it is so steep and Bill very dangerously and I am a little concerned. I just am a little concerned. I just feel, you know, I guess there are just some issues that need to be dealt with a forehand, before we continue are just some issues that need to be dealt with a forehand, before we continue loving on for the public to be be able to [ Indiscernible ] as public land. that's it. public land. that's it.

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Thank you for sharing with us today. Any responses? We are at the bottom of the hour get ready to close us today. Any responses? We are at the bottom of the hour get ready to close out here. Thanks, everybody for sharing your thoughts with us today. It is really important to get this sharing your thoughts with us today. It is really important to get this stuff out. Thank you for taking the time to be with us. We the time to be with us. We really appreciate it. As we near the end of the session, let me tell

you a little bit about the process in case you want to stick the end of the session, let me tell you a little bit about the process in case you want to stick around or for those who joined late, we are going to do a 50 late, we are going to do a 50 minute tech orientation and start the process all over again. Will get that presentation process all over again. Will get that presentation again from Travis and Tyler. If that is something you do not want to sit through we will also that is something you do not want to sit through we will also do another Q&A and we should be be ready at 5:35. Without further ado I am going to hand it back to I am going to hand it back to you, Noel.

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Thank you. Again, I encourage everyone to go to Again, I encourage everyone to go to the website and the story map that that Tyler shared and view the comments in the website. in the website. on the timeline, we are building on what Travis and Tyler shared, the building on what Travis and Tyler shared, the proposed action was presented to the four service back in September. The four service back in September. The four service accepted the proposal itself and stated that and stated that it was initiating an environmental review back in November. back in November. The process is underway and the draft decision is scheduled to be completed in the draft decision is scheduled to be completed in late September and if there are no objections a decision would occur no objections a decision would occur in mid-November. If there are objections, there will be a 45 day objection period and we will see objections, there will be a 45 day objection period and we will see the decisions in the early part of of next year. That is all I have to share. have to share.

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You are muted, Tracy.

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Sorry about that. I was just saying thanks, everybody Sorry about that. I was just saying thanks, everybody for joining. Tanks, Noel, for disclosing us out. If you want to stick with us we will do a 15 minute tech support for new folks joining us and us out. If you want to stick with us we will do a 15 minute tech support for new folks joining us and we will get restarted at 15 minutes after the hour and we should be done with the presentation and ready minutes after the hour and we should be done with the presentation and ready for more Q&A at 35 minutes after after the hour. Thank you for being with us today.

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Thank being with us today.

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Thank you.

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If you are still on the line I am going to give on the line I am going to give some Adobe connect hips in just a minute. I'm going to do a quick pause. If anyone has some questions feel free to speak out and we will see what just a minute. I'm going to do a quick pause. If anyone has some questions feel free to speak out and we will see what kind of help we can get you during you during this break.

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No, this is Max, can you Max, can you hear me?

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Yes, sir.

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Is there a way, I don't know if this Is there a way, I don't know if this is a suggestion give or take, whatever you want, do you think it will be whatever you want, do you think it will be helpful to provide a comment form link as part of the web link for people who have comments to link as part of the web link for people who have comments to make it a little more user-friendly?

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I am hearing a side conversation. Could you please mute all of the lines. mute all of the lines.

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We seem to be having some trouble muting the lines. some trouble muting the lines.

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We will get it added. I think it might be on the project page. We will see what we can do. Sorry, I was trying to cut I think it might be on the project page. We will see what we can do. Sorry, I was trying to cut back on some of that feedback.

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We did just mute all of

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We did just mute all of the lines. We were getting feedback from someone. We apologize for that. We will open the lines from someone. We apologize for that. We will open the lines back up in a moment. There was a conversation right before we muted the lines, I see that no is saying we can share the comment link if someone There was a conversation right before we muted the lines, I see that no is saying we can share the comment link if someone would be willing to provide that. We will go ahead and get that added to We will go ahead and get that added to the screen. We still have about 19 people on the line. Thank you for being with us. If you 19 people on the line. Thank you for being with us. If you are having any technical challenges or if there is anything we can help you with while we do this transition, please, feel free or if there is anything we can help you with while we do this transition, please, feel free to hit \*6 and that will take you off of mute and we will be able to hear everything that you are saying. Welcome. We're will take you off of mute and we will be able to hear everything that you are saying. Welcome. We're going to do a quick orientation for some of the new folks that are joining for some of the new folks that are joining us. I have been trying to pay attention to who is new and pay attention to who is new and new it -- and who is not. If you are just joining us, welcome. We would love it not. If you are just joining us, welcome. We would love it if you could join us in Adobe connect. It is not necessary, but Adobe connect. It is not necessary, but it does enrich the experience and allows you to chat with folks and communicate with folks. Feel and allows you to chat with folks and communicate with folks. Feel free to introduce yourself in chat like this is our like this is our virtual room. We are here to connect with each other about connect with each other about this project. You do not need to doubt into Adobe, but you do need need to doubt into Adobe, but you do need the audio. when prompted there is a participant code. a participant code. when you are logging in to Adobe we do really love Adobe we do really love it if you are able to give us your first and last name. It helps me to know who was in give us your first and last name. It helps me to know who was in the virtual room when we're calling on people. It makes things go a little more smoothly. Thank on people. It makes things go a little more smoothly. Thank you in advance for doing that.

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You will notice running at the bottom we have close captioning. That just helps to make the meeting more accessible to everyone. Sometimes the audio is better or worse depending on what we are filing in from. If you are to everyone. Sometimes the audio is better or worse depending on what we are filing in from. If you are ever having trouble following along, that closed captioning has saved me on that closed captioning has saved me on multiple occasions. If you're having any technology challenges, T-shirt will be monitoring the technology challenges, T-shirt will be monitoring the chat pod. In addition to project information, if there is any kind of support you need, she is there. information, if there is any kind of support you need, she is there. If you get disconnected, this does happen occasionally, happen



occasionally, sit tight and you will reconnect. What happens sometimes is it is just like What happens sometimes is it is just like with wireless, the connection strength goes higher-lower and it can disconnect for a moment. Usually as well as higher-lower and it can disconnect for a moment. Usually as well as the strength pops back up your right in the meeting and have not missed a beat. You should still be able to hear right in the meeting and have not missed a beat. You should still be able to hear the audio. The only exception is if we all suddenly freeze. That is when we if we all suddenly freeze. That is when we suggest maybe it is time to close down Adobe connect and come close down Adobe connect and come back in. You will know, it will last quite a while and when out will last quite a while and when out reconnect.

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I am just going to take a quick cause to see if to take a quick cause to see if anyone has any questions, any tech support that we can divide you. If so, support that we can divide you. If so, feel free to hit \*6 to unmute and will help to get unmute and will help to get you situated. I do not know if Max is still with us, just a couple other things about what we are if Max is still with us, just a couple other things about what we are doing today, we will be sharing an awesome story map that will let you see from the ground perspective what is an awesome story map that will let you see from the ground perspective what is going on. You should also feel free to explore free to explore this information during the meeting or at your leisure. We have given you a couple of links. The first at your leisure. We have given you a couple of links. The first to take you to the Ice Creek project page. You can see Creek project page. You can see everything that has been put out on thison this project. The Ice Creek story map is the thing that I told you that we would share, it kind of gives you a Birdseye view of what is going on in the project map is the thing that I told you that we would share, it kind of gives you a Birdseye view of what is going on in the project . And then of course a link to the comment form. If you are link to the comment form. If you are joining us through auto and looking to access the project page to access the project page it is <https://ff.usda.gov/project/?project=57877>. If you are not in Adobe and you are just joining us, feel free to check out that information now or later. you are not in Adobe and you are just joining us, feel free to check out that information now or later. we are going to get started in about eight more minutes. in about eight more minutes. If anyone has any questions for me, please, feel free to take your mind off me, please, feel free to take your mind off of mute.

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I'm going to sit tight, we still

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I'm going to sit tight, we still have about 18 people in the room. Welcome or thanks for sticking around for the room. Welcome or thanks for sticking around for the second take of this public open house. I'm going to wait until I hear a few more beeps and then I would like open house. I'm going to wait until I hear a few more beeps and then I would like to buzz through some of these tech support tips from last time. tech support tips from last time.

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We are going to get restarted in about five minutes. If you are just are going to get restarted in about five minutes. If you are just joining us, things for sticking around. We wanted We wanted to do two takes to get the greatest number of people the opportunity to connect. Hopefully the greatest number of people the opportunity to connect. Hopefully will have new different folks joining us in just a few moments. us in just a few moments.

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Hello, this is Tracy. Who just joined us? just joined us? welcome, we are going to get started in just about four more minutes. started in just about four more minutes. I am going to go through this one more time, I apologize if you have heard it a couple more times. Welcome, my name is Tracy and I will be your facilitator. I am joined by Tiesha Street. we will get started in about three minutes. While you are in the meeting today we encourage you will get started in about three minutes. While you are in the meeting today we encourage you to interact with people that are with you with you in this virtual room that we have created. Feel free, the chat is right down we have created. Feel free, the chat is right down below me. If you are having any technical concerns, Tiesha will be monitoring that throughout any technical concerns, Tiesha will be monitoring that throughout the meeting. Feel free to ask whatever questions you whatever questions you have about technology, any trouble with your phone or Adobe. She is here your phone or Adobe. She is here to help us out with that today. today. You do not need to be in Adobe to participate, it just enriches the call. Everything that you will need for the meeting today be in Adobe to participate, it just enriches the call. Everything that you will need for the meeting today is available on the phone lines. when you do connect, we ask that you enter your first and last name. It just helps me to see who was in the room and when we that you enter your first and last name. It just helps me to see who was in the room and when we do Q&A you have the opportunity to raise your hand and it to raise your hand and it is just easier from a facilitation standpoint. I want to thank you in advance for doing facilitation standpoint. I want to thank you in advance for doing that.

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You may notice we have a Captioner working with us today. You have a Captioner working with us today. You will see that at the bottom of the screen, below whatever it is that we of the screen, below whatever it is that we are presenting or occasionally below the video. In the same spot, video. In the same spot, very helpful. Sometimes our audio quality is great and sometimes it is not. It quality is great and sometimes it is not. It allows everyone to more fully participate.

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Again, if you are here, please, introduce yourselves. If you are disconnected, do not worry. Wait a few moments. A lot yourselves. If you are disconnected, do not worry. Wait a few moments. A lot of times you just reconnect as whatever signal you are using gets a whatever signal you are using gets a bit stronger. If for some reason it goes on it goes on or we freeze up and it does not seem like we are does not seem like we are coming back, you need to close out of Adobe out of Adobe and restart. Fingers crossed that all of the technology is working today. We are down to a minute before of the technology is working today. We are down to a minute before we are restarting. If you have any questions or need any support, I would like to invite you to hit \*6. That will unmute your mind and allow us to hear have any questions or need any support, I would like to invite you to hit \*6. That will unmute your mind and allow us to hear you and get you any help that you might need to participate in the meeting. Welcome. help that you might need to participate in the meeting. Welcome.

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It is now officially the start time for the meeting. Again, start time for the meeting. Again, welcome, everybody. If you stuck around and you're still with us, we are looking forward to continuing and you're still with us, we are looking forward to continuing the conversation. I want to thank each of you for taking the time to be each of you for taking the time to be here today. My name is Tracy and I will be your facilitator. I am joined by Tiesha and I will be your facilitator. I am joined by Tiesha will be dividing technical support in the the Adobe room. We also have a number of presenters and people providing tech support in the number of presenters and people providing tech support in the audio room or

throughout the meeting. A reminder, we are recording the session for A reminder, we are recording the session for him later. By joining us on the phone or being in the Adobe the phone or being in the Adobe connect room it means that you are agreeing are agreeing to the recorded. we will provide a link available after ending a link available after ending the call. It will be up on the project page. If you know someone that was not able to join, feel free to share that up on the project page. If you know someone that was not able to join, feel free to share that with them. We are using the audio line today. Please balance to the conference call line with the the audio line today. Please balance to the conference call line with the access code. Using that really helps to make everything a little cleaner and prevents some of the feedback that can sometimes happen. Again, I want to call your attention to to make everything a little cleaner and prevents some of the feedback that can sometimes happen. Again, I want to call your attention to the bottom left-hand of the screen where we have where we have a Captioner who has joined us. During the session, the other thing that we have that you can feel free During the session, the other thing that we have that you can feel free to explore and engage with our these web links. You will see them at the top, these web links. You will see them at the top, right corner. We have a couple of links. Let me tell you a little bit about each. The first one is for the Ice couple of links. Let me tell you a little bit about each. The first one is for the Ice Creek project, everything that has been put out or shared been put out or shared is available. One of the things that we will be exploring today as a group of people is the that we will be exploring today as a group of people is the ice Creek story map. That is a really fun tool that gives you a Birdseye view of a really fun tool that gives you a Birdseye view of the project. You will see it in action in a few in action in a few moments. Finally, the last link will take you to a comment form in case you take you to a comment form in case you have something you would like to share about share about the project. As another reminder before we go ahead and get started, if you before we go ahead and get started, if you are having any technical issues, feel free to type them in the free to type them in the chat. Tiesha will monitor those and we will get you whatever support you need we will get you whatever support you need to participate.

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I know this way of meeting is new for a lot of us and there are way of meeting is new for a lot of us and there are so many platforms out there, I know sometimes my head is spinning. We want everyone to feel know sometimes my head is spinning. We want everyone to feel as comfortable as possible. Let us know what we can do. I will be giving you cues know what we can do. I will be giving you cues as we go along, hopefully that will make this run as smoothly will make this run as smoothly as possible. We really appreciate you being here. Thank you so much for being here. Thank you so much for joining us. Without further ado, I am going to turn things over to Noel with the am going to turn things over to Noel with the four service regional office to officially kick off kick off this meeting. We did mute all lines. As you lines. As you prepare to talk and engage, I would like for you to hit \*6 to I would like for you to hit \*6 to unmute. Knoll, the Florida shores.

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I am the project manager for this this environment assessment. I am out of the four service regional office in Lakewood, Colorado. of the four service regional office in Lakewood, Colorado. Four service region two covers all of Colorado and of Colorado and surrounding states. I am a part of the mountain resort of the mountain resort team, which is coordinating the environmental assessment. This is a public meeting to provide orientation and receive comments on assessment. This is a public meeting to provide orientation and receive comments on the proposed project, which is the Tori resort Ice Creek Tori resort Ice Creek pond construction. The third-party contractor for this project is SE Group . for this project is SE Group . As mentioned, they will run us through the proposed action by way of the through the proposed action by way of the story map and they will discuss existing conditions and what the

proposed project would do existing conditions and what the proposed project would do to alter that. As mentioned in the the first session, this is a project that was analyzed in an environmental impact statement back project that was analyzed in an environmental impact statement back in 2008. It was held off by the four supervisor of by the four supervisor of time do to issues. The agreement was to have the proponents was to have the proponents consider other alternatives and if there was was another way to access the terrain that was desired for that was desired for the low-intermediate skiers at the resort. I will cover that I will cover that and capture the proposed action and then we will move on to question then we will move on to question and answer period the public and state comments, raise questions and we can discuss state comments, raise questions and we can discuss the answers to those. First, I would like to pass it on to the district ranger on would like to pass it on to the district ranger on the call to provide his comments and the leader's and the leader's intent. James...

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I'm sorry, James. I think we're going to need you to hit \*6 to unmute James. I think we're going to need you to hit \*6 to unmute yourself.

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Sorry about that. Thanks for joining us, everyone. Thanks for joining us, everyone. Much appreciated taking the time out to visit with us about this project. This is your option to to visit with us about this project. This is your option to ask questions about what you are going to see, make any comments or give going to see, make any comments or give us information we might be missing. Like Noel said, it is one that we looked at in 2008 Like Noel said, it is one that we looked at in 2008 and decided to not make that decision at decision at the time for this particular part of the expansion. We are looking at it now and really looking for of the expansion. We are looking at it now and really looking for your feedback. You will see some information tonight. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask. information tonight. If you have questions, do not hesitate to ask. Make sure you get those comments into us. You will see at the end of the meeting where you can do into us. You will see at the end of the meeting where you can do that electronically. With that, Knoll, back to you. to you.

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Thank you, James. It takes a 2nd for \*6 to work through its process. Let me pass it a 2nd for \*6 to work through its process. Let me pass it then on to Travis and Tyler with SE with SE Group to introduce the proposed actions, including actions, including the purpose and need and then run us through the run us through the story map that is available on the website. the website. at least a map view detail and some and some preliminary resources and they can address some of the issues and address some of the issues and preliminary findings on the website. Travis?

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Sorry, Travis, you are muted.

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Sorry, Travis, you are muted.

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Can anyone hear me?

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Yes, I can hear you, Tyler.

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I just wanted to make sure. Yes, I can hear you, Tyler.

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I just wanted to make sure.

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The technology gremlins.

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Interesting.

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Tiesha is saying that you might need to try a couple

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Tiesha is saying that you might need to try a couple of times. Usually you will hear it say you are now off the. It will it say you are now off the. It will tell you.

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Is your phone also unmute? You can phone also unmute? You can double mute yourself.

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I do not know what to do not know what to suggest, Travis. I might suggest that you hang up and I'll that you hang up and I'll back in. I have never had that happen. I apologize. I am not really sure what is that happen. I apologize. I am not really sure what is happening there. Tiesha is going to try to unmute all lines. Let's do that. try to unmute all lines. Let's do that. let me know what you have done that. That might be the easiest thing to do. done that. That might be the easiest thing to do. she says it looks like maybe you are already calling back in. you are already calling back in. Even when you plan things out they do not they do not always run 100% smoothly. This is what makes it fun what makes it fun and exciting.

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Okay, sorry about that. about that. I apologize. Really quickly, I wanted to touch on a little bit of background information as wanted to touch on a little bit of background information as both Noel and James mentioned, the project was previously analyzed in an environmental impact statement that resulted in a record of decision. However, the project was different from the project was previously analyzed in an environmental impact statement that resulted in a record of decision. However, the project was different from that decision. Here we are again, taking another look at this taking another look at this project and really what we are going to focus on for this analysis is new information and going to focus on for this analysis is new information and change conditions in the landscape there within the special within the special use permit where we can refer back to back to the prior EIS, if that information is still valid, you will try to do that is much is still valid, you will try to do that is much as possible. If there are conditions where they have changed, we will where they have changed, we will take another hard look at those conditions.

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For fieldwork we are conditions.

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For fieldwork we are going to take another look at botanical resources as well as wetlands, since about botanical resources as well as wetlands, since about 12-15 years have gone by since some of that fieldwork was initially some of that fieldwork was initially done we felt it was important to take another look to take another look at that. That is what we are going to look at. From a purpose and these standpoint, really what this is about is providing we are going to look at. From a purpose and these standpoint, really what this is about is providing an ideal learning progression for guests at purgatory resort. at purgatory resort. For those that might be more beginner ability level beginner ability level guests, oftentimes at ski areas that is a hard hurdle to is a hard hurdle to overcome. What purgatory has done through their their master plan as well as that prior prior EIS was try to create a good learning progression for guests good learning progression for guests from a beginner and allow them to transfer into more of an intermediate skier, which to transfer into more of an intermediate skier, which this pod would address being low-intermediate terrain. That is a quick summary of the purpose terrain. That is a quick summary of the purpose and need. If anyone has any more questions, please, ask during the question more questions, please, ask during the question and answer session. I apologize for my technical difficulties, and I will pass it over my technical difficulties, and I will pass it over to Tyler with SE

Group and he will present the proposed he will present the proposed action with a story map. Take it away, Tyler. Take it away, Tyler.

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Okay. Can you hear me?

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Yes, sir. me?

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Yes, sir.

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My name is Tyler, I am with the SE Group. I will be presenting off of the story map, will be presenting off of the story map, an interactive summary of the notice of proposed action. I will not notice of proposed action. I will not be covering the whole thing. Definitely take a look at the story map. It provides take a look at the story map. It provides great information. You can look at it during your own time and just go through. The link is available on Adobe connect as well as it during your own time and just go through. The link is available on Adobe connect as well as a lot of the materials on the the project website. Onto the proposed action, existing conditions and the proposed action: purgatory existing conditions and the proposed action: purgatory currently has over 2300 acres of existing terrain that you can see existing terrain that you can see existing trails shown in the grade dotted dotted to lines. All within about a 2500 acre SE Group special use about a 2500 acre SE Group special use permit area. Lifts are shown in black. They have an existing 213 mile snowmobile in black. They have an existing 213 mile snowmobile trail shown in dotted orange right here.

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As mentioned here.

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As mentioned in the 2008 at CIS there were a variety were a variety of projects approved including eight new lifts, a couple of lift lifts, a couple of lift upgrades and removals as well as beginner terrain and we will talk about a little later. It is shown in the green dotted and beginner terrain and we will talk about a little later. It is shown in the green dotted and dashed lines. Also, the 2008 FEIS also approved a guided snowmobile trail shown in purple also approved a guided snowmobile trail shown in purple along here and power lines shown here and running out this way toward here and running out this way toward the east.

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The proposed action overall included the ice Creek lives, four overall included the ice Creek lives, four ski trails, a reroute of this existing snowmobile trail and access roads and power lines to both the top existing snowmobile trail and access roads and power lines to both the top and bottom terminals. To orient you, this is the top and this is the bottom, skiers would start here and ski down on either side of the you, this is the top and this is the bottom, skiers would start here and ski down on either side of the list and ride the lift back up up this direction. This is the top of the ridge line right here. of the ridge line right here. the lift itself would be a detachable, four detachable, four person chairlift with the capacity of about 2400 people about 2400 people per hour. It will be about 3400 feet long, so about two thirds of a mile. It would require 3 about 3400 feet long, so about two thirds of a mile. It would require 3 acres of vegetation removal that you can see in this light red polygon here. And then about half an acre can see in this light red polygon here. And then about half an acre of grading for the top and bottom terminal, as well as the lift towers along bottom terminal, as well as the lift towers along the alignment. As I said, it will require two access roads, one starting from will require two access roads, one starting from this existing access road right over to hear and one on the bottom to hear and one on the bottom terminal here, which blends in with the red line there, but began to this maintenance road and extends here. Combined will be a little over 1000 feet in length.



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Power lines will with the red line there, but began to this maintenance road and extends here. Combined will be a little over 1000 feet in length.

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Power lines will be buried within these access roads. Together, the paralyzed and the access road will be about two and half acres of Together, the paralyzed and the access road will be about two and half acres of ground disturbance. The ice Creek terrain would be four trails, about 45 acres of skiing, and will require about 23 terrain would be four trails, about 45 acres of skiing, and will require about 23 acres of vegetation removal. As discussed, the purpose and the need is based on this beginner progression, combined with the discussed, the purpose and the need is based on this beginner progression, combined with the beginner trails previously approved in the 2008 FEIS and the low, intermediate 2008 FEIS and the low, intermediate terrain that is proposed in the project, you would have guessed at purgatory able to start of the beginner terrain project, you would have guessed at purgatory able to start of the beginner terrain and aggressive directly to the ice Creek area for lower, Creek area for lower, intermediate terrain.

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The snowmobile trail will be rerouted to reduce the potential for trail will be rerouted to reduce the potential for interaction between snowmobilers and skiers. You can see the trail goes here and would reroute about half a mile of can see the trail goes here and would reroute about half a mile of the trail to avoid trail 78, right there. That would require about an acre and half of over store vegetation removal and 78, right there. That would require about an acre and half of over store vegetation removal and about .1 of an acre of ground, which would result in about 31 acres of disturbance and a ground, which would result in about 31 acres of disturbance and a variety of project design criteria included in the notice of proposed action to reduce resource impact. If you included in the notice of proposed action to reduce resource impact. If you get a look at table one of the notice of proposed action you can see the of the notice of proposed action you can see the entire list. Like we said, the story map includes a summary of resource story map includes a summary of resource impacts preliminary both drawing on the 2008 FEIS analysis, but also updating resource 2008 FEIS analysis, but also updating resource change conditions. Some of the resource impacts are preliminary and we will be impacts are preliminary and we will be updating those. That is a summary of proposed action. I will pass it back to Noel. of proposed action. I will pass it back to Noel.

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Thank you, Tyler. Again, I encourage review of the proposed action story map and the encourage review of the proposed action story map and the notice of proposed action, which includes the preliminary project design the preliminary project design criteria, which measures other proponents to avoid, minimize or compensate for any resource impacts. avoid, minimize or compensate for any resource impacts. with that, let me pass it back to Tracy to initiate back to Tracy to initiate the questions and answers session.

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We are at that point in the agenda where we would love to hear from those We are at that point in the agenda where we would love to hear from those of you who have taken the time to join us. We time to join us. We really appreciate that. Just to help us get folks in the queue and plan accordingly, if you will look at the top of us get folks in the queue and plan accordingly, if you will look at the top of your screen there is a person with a raised hand, we ask that you raise your with a raised hand, we ask that you raise your hand. That lets me know that you have a comment. Another way to engage with us you have a comment. Another way to engage with us is also to put something in chat. We will be following anything that pops up there. chat. We will be following anything that pops up there. again, please, raise your hand. If you are just on the phone today, although I think everyone during this part you are just on the

phone today, although I think everyone during this part of the call seems to be in Adobe, but if I am wrong, please, hit in Adobe, but if I am wrong, please, hit \*6 and speak up and we will get you added to the list. we will get you added to the list. it looks like to kick us off we have been. off we have been. again, \*6 to unmute your line . .

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Hello, guys. The last time I kind of got cut off, I was kind of at the deadline regarding the bypass time I kind of got cut off, I was kind of at the deadline regarding the bypass and access. I guess if we could get where could get where it shows the snowmobile trails that are going to be within the are going to be within the ski area. I do not know if you can pull that up if you can pull that up or not.

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Yeah, I can do that. I think my screen should be shared. Let me do that. I think my screen should be shared. Let me zoom in. This area?

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Yeah, look at look at the other blue, dotted line there within the within the ski area. guys, I guess my thing is once he pulls thing is once he pulls it up and you see the blue, dotted line, if you can explain what that is to me as far as how that works with our operation blue, dotted line, if you can explain what that is to me as far as how that works with our operation that would be helpful.

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Which section?

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If you zoom into the middle, Which section?

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If you zoom into the middle, down lower, I don't know. You see where crosses see where crosses under the Ice Creek lift, it actually starts by the twilight lift more actually starts by the twilight lift more so . The blue, dotted line that wraps around through there, what is that wraps around through there, what is that exactly? Is that our snowmobile route bad?

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That is a proposed route bad?

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That is a proposed trail alignment.

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I was going to going to jump in, Tyler, there is a little bit of a lack when you move little bit of a lack when you move into -- I think we were having some trouble seeing where you are pointing. If you can go to the one and were having some trouble seeing where you are pointing. If you can go to the one and stay there I think that will give us a chance to see if give us a chance to see if that is correct or not. Sorry about that, go ahead, Ben.

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Tyler, about that, go ahead, Ben.

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Tyler, your mouse was pretty much on it. There it. There you go.

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It is the proposed trail centerline. I am not sure the proposed trail centerline. I am not sure if that is where you are referring to.

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The blue, dotted line. Click referring to.

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The blue, dotted line. Click on that.

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Okay. That is a previously approved guided a previously approved guided snowmobile trail.

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Okay. I guess for me that is dated back, you guys, from when the permit was originally put for me that is dated back, you guys, from when the permit was originally put together with the ski area. My concern is that has always set concern is that has always set up for our operation. You have customers ride the twilight lift to the customers ride the twilight lift to the top. Obviously that is not happening. It is a fixed It is a fixed grip lift. There is no foot traffic allowed on that. With the thought process in the future traffic allowed on that. With the thought process in the future with the development of a gondola of some sort with a new base area of some sort with a new base area set up eventually, that is not happened and it does not look to happen happened and it does not look to happen anytime soon. Our operation has and always has operated out at the always has operated out at the bottom of four service 578. I think from the beginning there has always been an issue think from the beginning there has always been an issue with access with our permit and the way that has been written into the way that has been written into the permit. I contacted the four service regarding this last season, just trying to get this written into our service regarding this last season, just trying to get this written into our permit that we are going to be using for be using for service 578, which is a weird situation. It is within situation. It is within the resort. With our permit, it is an unsafe access point going through is an unsafe access point going through the bypass. I think, you know, I just think there is some stuff that is dated back that needs to be fixed. I am just wondering how that can be know, I just think there is some stuff that is dated back that needs to be fixed. I am just wondering how that can be dealt with, and being able to make it work with the resort idea for developing this. I think it is all possible, it is just one of to make it work with the resort idea for developing this. I think it is all possible, it is just one of those deals where some things need to happen that date back before all to happen that date back before all of this comes about. Does that make sense? make sense?

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I can see people studying this. I am going this. I am going to ask if there is someone who wants to kick us off for who wants to kick us off for a response?

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Can you hear me, Tracy?

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Yes, sir. This is Travis. James, unless you have the hear me, Tracy?

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Yes, sir. This is Travis. James, unless you have the intimate knowledge, my see if Jed is still on the line and is still on the line and viewing this could hop in. There are some nuances are some nuances going on that I just want to make sure we get right. Jed, are you still on?

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I am still to make sure we get right. Jed, are you still on?

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I am still here, Travis.

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Did you hear the question?

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Yes, I did. Ben you hear the question?

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Yes, I did. Ben is correct. The Blue Line is what was approved in the 2008 master development plan, what was approved in the 2008 master development plan, based on purgatory developing the twilight lift into a child lift into a child of a, which would allow foot traffic up and down. traffic up and down. What was post or what was approved was Ben's operation to move to approved was Ben's operation to

move to mid-mountain shop and his operation to be staged out be staged out of there. Since that time, purgatory has not developed that. has not developed that. Dan has remained at the base of 578 and had an agreement with Tori, of 578 and had an agreement with Tori, separate from his permit to allow him to rise through the ski area. him to rise through the ski area. with the new proposal, this will affect his operations due to the affect his operations due to the fact that now the route that he would normally have been approved on he would normally have been approved on in the 2008 master development plan will be in and on top of the ski will be in and on top of the ski runs of 75 and 76, which will create a will create a possible conflict with gear interactions and snowmobilers. snowmobilers. some way to address how this all goes down, all goes down, maybe then can put in a comment such as Aaron did in the last meeting about re-addressing the snowmobile bypass to not carry a comment such as Aaron did in the last meeting about re-addressing the snowmobile bypass to not carry as steep a grade and not steep turns so that all steep turns so that all operations capacitor without having the dangerous conditions Ben speaks about. conditions Ben speaks about. does that cover it, Ben?

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Sorry about that. Thanks, Jed. That was Sorry about that. Thanks, Jed. That was great. Guys, there is some past stuff with permitting stuff with permitting and how it has gone on. I have not owned this permit since that stuff has happened. I am five years in and honestly trying to get things straightened out. I think there on. I have not owned this permit since that stuff has happened. I am five years in and honestly trying to get things straightened out. I think there have been some things throughout the past it happened are looked and pushed to the side. We are a permit past it happened are looked and pushed to the side. We are a permit holder as purgatory is a permit holder. We holder. We work together, a good team, I just think there are some things that need to be taken a look at. I have written into the comments as far as my objection. This is I just think there are some things that need to be taken a look at. I have written into the comments as far as my objection. This is been dealt with. I appreciate it and look for to working with you guys and figuring it out. and look for to working with you guys and figuring it out. that's it.

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Thank you for sticking sticking with us.

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No problem. Thank you. Thank you.

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Thanks, Tyler, for sharing that again. Just a reminder, if you have any questions or comments, please, raise your hand. You are that again. Just a reminder, if you have any questions or comments, please, raise your hand. You are also welcome to take your phone off of mute by hitting off of mute by hitting \*6 and speaking out. right now I do not have anyone in the queue. This might be a now I do not have anyone in the queue. This might be a really good time while we are waiting for folks to mull over some of what you have shared to go back through waiting for folks to mull over some of what you have shared to go back through the process. Tiesha, you can walk us through where we are in walk us through where we are in the process.

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We are conducting an environmental assessment for this process. We are conducting an environmental assessment for this process. We are using a more concise process than what is thought of as an what is thought of as an traditional EA process. Right now we are in the middle of the scoping uncommon we are in the middle of the scoping uncommon period. This is the only opportunity to provide comments on opportunity to provide comments on the action or on the project or process to the four service for us to consider those project or process to the four service for us to consider those comments and adjust the proposed action, adjust how we plan to analyze things or create alternatives. That is what , adjust how we plan to analyze things or create alternatives. That is what comes after this scoping uncommon period

process. That will conclude on process. That will conclude on July 5. We are kind of in the middle of that process. After the process we will take in the middle of that process. After the process we will take those comments and see what we need to do to need to do to address anything in the analysis or the the proposed action. We meet as an interdisciplinary team to do that and to consider an interdisciplinary team to do that and to consider those points. Once we kind of get that settled, we get that settled, we will then complete any necessary fieldwork. I think earlier I mentioned body and wetlands, that fieldwork. I think earlier I mentioned body and wetlands, that we will do anything else that we deem as necessary we deem as necessary to consider. That then allows us to develop the environmental assessment, the document that we will published for public review. That will us to develop the environmental assessment, the document that we will published for public review. That will be published later in the year alongside a draft decision alongside a draft decision notice and that publication of those documents starts a documents starts a 45 day pre-decisional objection period. For those of you that do comment now, you For those of you that do comment now, you would have standing to object on those topics during the 45 day objection those topics during the 45 day objection period . If there are no objections, we will put out the final decision notice. If there are objections, we will put out the final decision notice. If there are any objections, we work through that through objection resolution, which is approximately 45 through objection resolution, which is approximately 45 days as well. Once objections are resolved in some resolved in some manner, ultimately, if appropriate, the decision-maker will authorize will authorize an action. That is the process. Like I said, I believe we Like I said, I believe we are anticipating to start to get things buttoned up later in the year, things buttoned up later in the year, maybe November to produce the draft decision notice an environmental assessment. that is decision notice an environmental assessment. that is the process we plan to embark upon. upon.

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Thanks, Travis, for sharing that. I think it is always great to demystify the process and make sure we are I think it is always great to demystify the process and make sure we are all local -- all on the same page. I just want to remind folks if you have same page. I just want to remind folks if you have questions, please, raise your hand. You can do that up at can do that up at the top. Right now I do not have anyone in the queue. Will give you just a minute more do not have anyone in the queue. Will give you just a minute more to see if we have any remaining remaining questions. Otherwise, we will go ahead and call it a night a few minutes early. and call it a night a few minutes early. I am not seeing anything, just a reminder, you can put anything that a reminder, you can put anything that you want, any questions in the chat. I do have some links at the top that will allow you to chat. I do have some links at the top that will allow you to the anything that we have posted on the Ice Creek project, including the story on the Ice Creek project, including the story map and then the comment form. That is the upper right-hand corner. You can browse through That is the upper right-hand corner. You can browse through at your leisure. Check those out afterwards and we look for to hearing from you afterwards and we look for to hearing from you or formally.

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Thanks, everybody, for joining us. Since we are wrapping up a little bit early, you joining us. Since we are wrapping up a little bit early, you will get a good 15-20 minutes back in your day, I guess. Without further minutes back in your day, I guess. Without further ado I am going to turn it over to Noel to close this out. it over to Noel to close this out.

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Thank you, everyone for taking part. Thank you to all of the presenters and part. Thank you to all of the presenters and commenters for good dialogue. As a final reminder, if you have not provided comments on the final reminder, if you have not provided comments on the website, please, review the project

and provide any provide any comments you have before the comet period deadline, which is period deadline, which is July 6. That is all I have. have.

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Thanks again for bearing with us and the technology gremlins that us and the technology gremlins that attacked us at the beginning. Everybody have a good night and stay safe.

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[ Event Concluded have a good night and stay safe.

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